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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1531

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FOR FBO NISONGER FROM MCCORMICK

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SPECIAL PROJECT - RESIDENCE

1. OVER THE YEARS THE GARDEN GROUNDS AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE HAS BEEN WATERED BY THE USE OF THE ORIGINAL WATER SYSTEM THAT EXISTED WHEN PROPERTY PURCHASED (1947-1949) AT PRESENT THIS SYSTEM HAS BECOME INOPERABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A) ORIGINAL PIPES THAT BRING WATER FROM THE RIVER HAVE ROTTED AND CANNOT BE REPAIRED.

B) ROOT SYSTEMS OF TREES ALONG PIPE ROUTE HAVE BLOCKED THE SYSTEM ALMOST TOTALLY.

2. AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE ALL GARDEN WATER HAS BEEN FROM CITY WATER SYSTEM DESIGNED FOR RESIDENCE USE ONLY. THIS HAS CAUSED SEVERE SHORTAGE OF WATER IN RESIDENCE.

3. ONLY SOLUTION IS TO REPLACE WATER PIPE FROM RIVER TO RESIDENCE (225 FEET). THIS PIPE LINE WHICH SERVICES ONLY RPT ONLY OUR PROPERTY IS NOT RPT NOT ON OUR PROPERTY BUT RATHER RUNS UNDER PUBLIC STREET. AS THIS TYPE OF WORK MUST BE DONE BY CITY AUTHORITIES OBVIATING COMPETITIVE BIDS COULD BE OBTAINED.

4. CITY OFFICIALS, WHO ARE WILLING TO DO WORK, HAVE PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH ESTIMATE OF APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS
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1300 TO DO COMPLETE JOB.

5. PRESENT WATER SITUATION IN GARDEN AND RESIDENCE
CRITICAL. GARDEN IS DRYING UP, TREES ON PROPERTY NEED
WATER BUT EVEN LIMITED USE OF CITY WATER CAUSING
SEVERE PROBLEM TO INTERNAL OPERATIONS OF RESIDENCE.

REQUEST FBO APPROVE THIS PROJECT ON A PRIORITY BASIS.
MONEY MUST BE DEPOSITED WITH DAMASCUS TREASURY BEFORE
WORK CAN COMMENCE. TELEGRAPHIC APPROVAL REQUIRED.
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